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DRUG PREVENTION PLANNING GRANTS AWARDED

Twelve community agencies in eleven counties will each receive a \$165,000 grant from the Indiana Family and Social Services Administration for drug prevention planning. The grants are part of a federally funded statewide initiative to improve drug prevention by focusing on evidence-based, data-driven and outcome measured programs.

Announcing the grants, Mitch Roob, Secretary of FSSA, commented, “One of the critical elements of our Mental Health Transformation Plan is to establish measurable performance criteria for programs and providers. The planning process funded by the drug prevention grant is a model that we will apply to all prevention programming. Mental health and substance abuse funding must support effective programs for our clients.”

Over the past year, the FSSA Division of Mental Health and Addiction (DMHA) has conducted a statewide review of drug abuse and addiction. A working group of professionals, advocates and DMHA staff chaired by Dr. Eric Wright from IUPUI analyzed extensive amounts of data to establish priorities for local prevention programs. Based on the data, the group recommended the following priorities to be funded.

- Prevent and reduce underage drinking and binge drinking among 18 to 25 year olds
- Prevent the first use and reduce the use of cocaine among 18 to 25 year olds
- Prevent and reduce the use of methamphetamine among black youth and among white women and men ages 18 to 44 years old

Community agencies and organizations were invited to apply for a planning grant to address one or more of these issues in their counties. DMHA received 25 applications and selected the following:

Community Agency

Partnership for a Drug Free Wayne County
Delaware County Coordinating Council
Vigo County LCC
Monroe County Asset Building Coalition
Drug Free Marion County

Priority

Cocaine
Alcohol
Alcohol
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Davies-Greene Methamphetamine Alliance	Methamphetamine
Porter-Starke Services, Inc.	Alcohol
Geminus of Lake County	Cocaine
Healthy Communities Initiative of St. Joseph County	Cocaine
Drug and Alcohol Consortium of Allen County	Alcohol
Lake County Drug Free Alliance	Alcohol
Coalition for a Safe and Drug-Free Tippecanoe County	Alcohol

In the first phase of the project, the community agency will draft a strategic plan based on an analysis of local needs and the strength of local prevention resources. Upon the state's approval of the community's strategic plan, the communities will be eligible for additional funding to implement the plan and evaluate the outcomes.